

**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER
APPLE VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

NAME: NED R. CURTIS

AGE: 63

OCCUPATION: Teacher, retired

Ned Curtis believes that we need to focus on motivating students to learn while we provide a safe environment, giving our students the skills they need to succeed. The focus should be on responsibility, respect, and results in our schools.

Mr. Curtis has 27 years experience in education at the high school and college level. He taught Biology and Advanced Placement Biology in the Apple Valley Unified School District. He was awarded a SDB Fellowship from Johns Hopkins University for his work with talented youth.

He was a board member on the High Desert & Inland Employee/Employer Trust, which provides health insurance for eleven school districts with a budget of over \$60 million. The trust provides quality health and welfare benefits while controlling costs.

Ned Curtis believes in setting high standards. Students need to take responsibility for their own behavior and conduct. Schools need to set high expectations for their behavior, and hold students accountable when they fall short of these expectations. Parents must help take responsibility for their children's education by working to promote the value of education with their children and to encourage good behavior and study skills. Teachers must take responsibility for being dedicated professionals who maintain high standards of teaching excellence.
